

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

California Water Service Company (U 60 W), for authority to increase rates charged for Water Service in the Antelope Valley District by \$437,218 or 36.94% in fiscal 2006-2007, by \$145,000 or 8.94% in fiscal 2007-2008, and \$145,000 in 8.21% in fiscal 2008-2009.

A.05-08-006  
(Filed August 8, 2005)

And Related Matters:

A.05-08-007  
A.05-08-008  
A.05-08-009  
A.05-08-010  
A.05-08-011  
A.05-08-012  
A.05-08-013

**RESPONSE OF THE OFFICE OF RATEPAYER ADVOCATES TO THE  
MOTION OF CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY FOR POST  
APPLICATION ADDITIONS RELATING TO THE KERN RIVER  
VALLEY DISTRICT AND THE REDWOOD VALLEY DISTRICT**

Pursuant to Rule 45 of the California Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, and the Commission's Rate Case Plan Decision (D. 04-06-018), the Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA), respectfully submits this Response to the Motion of California Water Service Company (Cal-Water) for Post Application Additions Relating to the Kern River Valley District and the Redwood Valley District.

On October 3, 2005, Cal-Water filed a motion in which it sought to amend its Kern River Valley District Application to include a request for funds for arsenic treatment and water supply capital costs, and to amend its Redwood Valley District Application to include a request for funds for a water treatment plant and other water quality capital costs.

ORA's policy is to move to strike all attempts by water utilities to amend their general rate case applications if they are not accompanied by a motion pursuant to the requirements of D.04-06-018. In this instance, Cal-Water filed such a motion after ORA requested it to do so. ORA appreciates that Cal-Water acknowledged that it is required to make a formal filing seeking approval to amend its applications.

ORA does not oppose Cal-Water's motion. In this instance, ORA is not opposed to amending the applications given the importance of the amended subject matter and the dollar amount of the amended request, in conjunction with Cal-Water's earlier notification of ORA regarding its intent to amend and the additional time ORA has been granted to prepare its report.

If Cal-Water's motion is granted, ORA will undertake a diligent review of the amended requests. ORA reserves the right to object to the substance of the requests after such a review. Moreover, ORA does not concur with any of the statements made in Cal-Water's motion and reserves the right to challenge all facts and opinions therein at the appropriate time. If Cal-Water's Motion is granted, ORA will review these issues within the schedule established in the September 26, 2005 Scoping Memorandum and Ruling of Assigned Commissioner.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of “**RESPONSE OF OFFICE OF RATEPAYER ADVOCATES TO THE MOTION OF CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY FOR POST APPLICATION ADDITIONS RELATING TO THE KERN RIVER VALLEY DISTRICT AND THE REDWOOD VALLEY DISTRICT**” in **A.05-08-006 – A.05-08-013** by using the following service:

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Executed on **18<sup>th</sup> of October, 2005** at San Francisco, California.

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/s/ Rebecca Rojo  
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